

## Earth Day 2007 in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntsville District

Personnel from the Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, participated in three Earth Day events the week of April 16. On April 17, personnel teamed with students from the University of Alabama Huntsville's Environmental Engineering Department to teach University Place Elementary School fourth-graders about the Corps' environmental program by participating in a mock environmental field exercise. Students donned personal protective clothing and walked through the entire field investigation process from sampling for mock chemicals to a personal wash-down to "decontaminate" themselves.

Huntsville Center employees conducted a second mock environmental exercise at Redstone Arsenal's Earth Day event on April 19. At least 150 students learned about environmental field investigations through the two events. On April 20, Huntsville Center personnel teamed up with Huntsville's Operation Green Team for an employee work party to clean up garbage that has washed down Pinhook Creek into an area wetland.